



Young Falcon Fans: The City of San José needs your help!

The City Hall Falcon eggs have started to hatch! The peregrine falcons who call San José City Hall home have been taking care of four eggs since February 25. You now have the opportunity to create one of the names for these new baby falcons!

Peregrine Falcons are known for their ability to dive through the air at high speeds (up to 200 mph) while hunting. In the mid 1970s, there were only two known pairs of peregrines nesting in California. Today, thanks in part to rescue efforts and the passage of the Endangered Species Act, it is believed that more than 250 pairs of peregrines live in California.

Winners of the naming contest will receive a commendation from the Mayor at a City Council meeting, two free passes to Happy Hollow Park & Zoo, and a school assembly featuring Glenn Stewart of the UC Santa Cruz Predatory Bird Research Group.

To watch a live, streaming video of the falcon nest, go to www.sanjoseca.gov/falcons and click on the FalconCam icon.

TO SUBMIT:

- Learn more about peregrine falcons by researching them, their habits, and their lifestyles
- Think of a meaningful or clever, and fitting name for one of the falcon babies
- Fill out a submission form and have a parent or guardian sign it
- Attach one of the following: An original drawing or computer graphic; a short essay; a video; or a song (see guidelines on next page)
- Send the completed form and original artwork/essay/video/song to mayoremail@sanjoseca.gov, or mail to:
Falcon Naming c/o Mayor's Office
200 E. Santa Clara St., 18th Floor
San José, CA 95113

RULES AND GUIDELINES

- The participant must be between the ages of 5 and 18 as of April 1, 2012
- The participant must be a resident of San José, California or attend a San José, California school
- The participant must have permission from a parent or guardian to enter
- All submissions must be completely **original content**
- All submissions must be received or postmarked by April 27, 2012 at midnight
- Previous winners are not eligible to win
- Limit one entry per person or team (teams may include classrooms, small groups, etc.)
- Previously selected names are ineligible, including the following: Clara, Esteban Colbert, Jose, Hiko, Esperanza, Spirit, Mercury, Cielo, Meyye, Ilahay, Veer, Kya, Tierra, Maya, Kekoa, Unita, Hermes, Shadow, Ahote', Fernando El Cohete
- In the event that duplicate names are submitted, the tiebreaker will depend on the quality of the submissions as determined by the judges
- Up to 10 finalists will be selected by a panel of judges and placed online by May 4, 2012 to be voted on by the San José Peregrine Falcon Discussion Group to determine the final names. The winners will be announced May 11, 2012.

ARTWORK OPTION:

- Artwork must be on a standard-sized sheet of paper (11 inches by 17 inches)
- Artwork may be composed of any medium or combination of media (pen, pencil, paint, crayon, collage, etc.)
- Artwork should depict why the name you selected suits the falcon

ESSAY OPTION:

- Essay should be between 50 to 250 words
- Essay should be written on a standard-sized sheet of paper (8 ½ inches by 11 inches)
- Essay should elaborate on why the selected name suits the falcon

VIDEO OPTION:

- Video should be no longer than 2 minutes
- Video should be submitted on a DVD
- Video should explain why the selected name suits the falcon

SONG OPTION:

- Song should be no longer than 2 minutes
- Song should be submitted on a CD or e-mailed to mayoremail@sanjoseca.gov as an MP3 file
- Song should illustrate why the selected name suits the falcon

